# Yao (Gnosticism)

In Sethian Gnosticism, **Yao** or **Iao** (*Ἰαω*) is an archon.[1] In *On the Origin of the World*, he is one of the three sons of Yaldabaoth, with the other two being Astaphaios and Eloai. In the *Apocryphon of John*, he is the fourth of the seven archons.[2]

In Mandaeism, Yurba, the name of an uthra, is derived from Yao, with *Rba* ('Great') added at the end.[3][4]

## See also

- Tetragrammaton
- Ἰαω
- Yurba

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